

Quick Print Instructions/Information for IUPUI International Graduate & Professional Applicants

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Minimum Eligibility Requirement for Applicants with International Educational Credentials Seeking Admission to IU Graduate Programs at IUPUI

MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

Graduate applicants are expected to have completed the equivalent of a U.S. Bachelor's degree in order to be considered for graduate study, such as:

- Have completed at least 16 years of primary+secondary+tertiary education and have earned a university first degree, or
- Have completed a university first degree that grants eligibility for graduate study in a recognized university in that same country.

Persons without this background cannot be accepted for graduate study, regardless of the name of any first degree they may hold.

Once minimum eligibility is determined, Indiana University graduate programs will make the final admissions decision, based on reviewing the applicant's educational credentials to determine if the applicant is academically competitive and has the preparation needed for success in that program. The Office of International Affairs at IUPUI will provide evaluations of the applicant's educational background and academic documents upon request from the departments.

Purdue University graduate programs follow the eligibility standards established by the Purdue University Graduate School.

Academic Records & English Translations

You must submit official transcripts and diplomas of all academic course work completed after graduation from high school. If you are still unsure about what documents to submit, please contact us at oiagrad@iupui.edu or 317-274-7000.

Note: All documents submitted become the property of IUPUI. Hard copies are scanned and retained for one year, after which they will be destroyed. You may retrieve the original records for a small fee when you arrive. Please allow several weeks, as the documents may be stored off-site.

If your official academic records are not issued in English, you must submit an English translation along with your official documents in the original language. The accuracy of the translation must be certified by an appropriate officer at the issuing school, by an appropriate government officer at the ministry of education, or by a U.S. educational advising center. If you need assistance, the center in your country can advise you on preparing your academic records for submission.

English translations by themselves are not sufficient for an admission decision. You must submit the corresponding official academic records in the original language for comparison.

Academic Records & English Translations

If English is not your native language, you must demonstrate proficiency in English before you can be admitted to IUPUI.

See the list of countries on our website that IUPUI recognizes as being predominantly native English speaking.

To meet IUPUI's minimum standard for acceptance to any graduate or professional program, you may submit any one of the following as satisfactory proof of English proficiency. However, many graduate programs accept only the TOEFL and require a score significantly higher than the minimum campus standard. Be sure to verify options for demonstrating English proficiency with your program before selecting an alternative to the TOEFL.

- **TOEFL** score of 550+ (paper version/PBT) or 213+ (computer-based version/CBT) or a provisional minimum of 79+ (internet-based version/IBT). *IUPUI's school code for the TOEFL is 1325*
- A grade of 6.0 or higher on the Cambridge International English Language Testing System (IELTS), <http://www.ielts.org>
- Successful completion of ELS Language Centers Intensive Program Level 112.
- **Persons residing in Indiana** may take the IUPUI English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Placement Test. Placement at level G011 or higher is required.
- A bachelor's or higher degree from a country designated by IUPUI as predominantly native-English speaking.
- **For residents of Japan**, a "Pre-First Grade" score on the STEP Eiken.
- **Pearson Test of English Academic (PTEA)**: A score of 54

Intensive English Language Study at IUPUI

If you cannot meet the English Language Requirement for graduate admission, you may choose to enroll in intensive English language instruction. ELS Language Centers at IUPUI offer an accredited Intensive English Course at IUPUI that prepares students for graduate level academic study. ELS is also authorized to issue I-20s for student visas. Some IUPUI graduate programs do not require a TOEFL score for students who have successfully completed Intensive Level 112 at the ELS Language Centers. Admission to IUPUI is not required for acceptance into the ELS Language Centers program. Please contact ELS Language Centers directly for costs and enrollment information.

Semi-intensive English Language Study at IUPUI

IUPUI offers a semi-intensive English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Program for admitted students. After arrival, non-native English speakers take the IUPUI EAP Placement Test and, as required, register for recommended EAP course work concurrently with their academic program.

Enrollment Periods

The academic year is divided into two 16-week semesters and a Summer term consisting of two 6-week sessions:

Fall: Late August - mid-December

Spring: Early January – early May

Few graduate programs allow students to begin formal studies in the summer; many admit students for the Fall semester only.

When to apply: You should submit your application – complete with all education, English proficiency, and financial support documents – as early as possible, as most programs process applications in the order received. Some graduate programs have very strict deadlines; consult the program office for application deadline information. Applications received after the priority deadline listed will be processed if time and space permit. If possible, you should apply at least 6 months, but no more than 12 months, in advance of the semester for which you are seeking admission.

How can I expedite processing

Submit all requested documents by the posted deadlines. Some programs will instruct you to send application materials to the program office, others to OIA. Follow up with the graduate admission staff of the department to verify that your application is complete and ask for an expected timeframe for an admission decision.

For applications sent directly to OIA, we will send you an acknowledgement and forward an electronic copy of your file to the graduate studies committee for your chosen field of study. Regardless of how you submit your application, it is your responsibility to verify that the graduate program has received all required documents.

Many programs will notify you if additional documents are needed, but some do not. When your file is complete, the program's graduate studies committee reviews your application and makes its decision. Most often you will learn the admission decision directly from the program office. For applications processed by OIA, an offer of admission is always conditional pending OIA review to verify that all institutional and immigration requirements have been met.

Application Checklist

Send your application form to the following address at least one month before the deadline. Be sure to keep a copy of all application materials for your own records.

IUPUI Office of International Affairs
902 West New York Street, ES 2126
Indianapolis, IN 46202-5197

(317) 274-7000 office
(317) 278-2213 fax
oiagrad@iupui.edu

Required by the Office of International Affairs	
	Non-refundable \$60 international application fee (use Application Fee Payment Form on OIA website) (\$50 for applicants with lawful permanent resident, refugee, or asylee status in the U.S.)
	For each college or university attended, the original or certified copy of the transcript or academic record and if relevant, the diploma, certificate, or degree statement
	A certified English translation of each of the above educational records, if your school does not issue official documents in English
	Proof of English proficiency (e.g., TOEFL report)
	Photocopy of current I-94 and I-20 or DS-2019 (applicants currently in the U.S. in F-1 or J-1 status)
	Photocopy of passport biographical page with visa stamp, if available (applicants who will need an I-20 or DS-2019)
If required by department:	
	A completed departmental or school application, if necessary
	Official GRE or GMAT scores
	A statement of purpose and goals
	Letters of recommendation if required by department
	All other documents required by graduate program
If you will require a student visa to study at IUPUI, also include:	
	Completed Financial Support Agreement form from each sponsor
	All required supporting bank statements